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SUBJECT: RAILWAY STRIKE SETTLES INTO QUIET BATTLE OF WILLS

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1. PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE AND HER UNION OPPOSITION APPEAR TO HAVE SETTLED DOWN TO A QUIET ENDURANCE TEST WITH NO PROSPECT OF AN IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT. ALTHOUGH THE RAILWAY STRIKE CONTINUES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS MANAGED TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE DISTRIBUTION METHODS TO SUPPLY THE PROVINCES WITH A LIMITED SUPPLY OF SUCH BASIC NECESSITIES AS FLOUR AND KEROSENE. PRESS AND ESPECIALLY RADIO ARE FULL OF REPORTS OF SHIPS UNLOADED AND LFOUR AND PETROL DISTRIBUTED BY EACH GOVERNMENT AGENT IN THE PROVINCES. WITH THE IMMEDIATE PRESSURE OFF, THE PRIME MINISTER SEEMS CONTENT TO WAIT OUT THE ANGRY RAIL WORKERS FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. THE IMPONDERABLE FACTOR IS THE WILLINGNESS OF OTHER

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UNIONS TO JOIN THE STRIKERS. SEVERAL GOVERNMENT WHITE-COLLAR UNIONS, INCLUDING THE LARGE AND TROTSKYITE-ORIENTED GOVERNMENT CLERICAL SERVICES UNION, ARE SCHEDULED TO GO OUT ON JANUARY 6. AND, IN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, THE ALL-CEYLON POST AND TELEGRAPH WORKERS UNION, AN ORGANIZATION OF LETTER-CARRIERS AND POSTAL CLERKS AFFILIATED TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY/MOSCOW WING,

HAS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO STRIKE FROM JANUARY 5,
AFTER THE MONTHLY PAID FULL-MOON HOLIDAY. THE
INFLUENTIAL UNION OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
OFFICERS, COMPOSED OF HIGHER-LEVEL OFFICERS IN THE POST
OFFICE, WILL NOT BE STRIKING BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES
WITH THE GCSU AND OUT OF SPITE GENERATED BY ITS ABORTIVE
STRIKE JUST BEFORE THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN AUGUST,WHEN
IT GOT NO SUPPORT FROM OTHER UNIONS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO
FORETELL HOW CRIPPLING SUCH A PARTIAL POSTAL STRIKE WILL BE.
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